

Rules Governing Close of Contest

The Contest Department of The Times-Dispatch will close at 10 P. M., Saturday, April 12th. A sealed ballot-box will be placed in a convenient place in the office of The Times-Dispatch. Contestants who wish no one to know the amount of business turned in on the last day may deposit all subscriptions, **WITH CHECK OR MONEY TO COVER**, in this ballot-box. The ballot box will be opened after the closing hour of the contest, and the votes on the subscriptions found therein will be issued.

In order that candidates residing out of the city may be on equal footing with those in the city, it has been provided that any candidate may mail a final remittance from any post-office, provided the post-mark shows that it was mailed before 10 P. M., April 12th, the closing time of the contest; or, should it be impossible to have envelope so stamped, a telegram dated before the closing time of the contest, giving the number of subscriptions and the amount of money mailed, will insure the counting of the remittance. Contestants may also use the telephone for this purpose.

Subscriptions sent by mail must bear a post-mark not later than April 12th, 10 P. M. All subscriptions (no matter when mailed) must be received at the Contest Department by 5 P. M. on Tuesday, April 15th, or they will not be counted for votes.

All subscriptions sent in by mail must be accompanied by cash, draft, money order or check to the amount covering subscriptions.

All mail sent on Saturday should bear a Special Delivery Stamp.

Out-of-town candidates who wish to register their Special Delivery letters on Saturday, April 12th, should take the precaution to see when the registry department of their post-office closes, and also find out about the train schedules, mails, etc.

Address all letters bearing remittances and subscriptions to "The Times-Dispatch, Contest Department," and not to any individual. This is important.

Be sure that your name is on all subscriptions before sending them to the office.

The announcement of the winners will be made at the earliest possible moment, probably Saturday's Times-Dispatch.

Any complaint you may have concerning your votes must be made at once. No attention can be paid to complaints after the contest closes. Your success or failure probably depends on your efforts during the next few days.

No extension votes will be credited on subscriptions unless such extensions are plainly marked on subscription slip.

In publishing this warning we have in mind your welfare, and hope that no misunderstanding will mar your progress to victory. By following the above instructions carefully, and by reading The Times-Dispatch each day for further particulars, we are sure that everything will be clear to you.



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WM. R. JOHNSON, JR.



WILBUR RYLAND.



W. H. DREWRY.



MISS JULIA WINSTON TAYLOR, and her grandfather.

THE END IS NEAR

Your participation in the contest has been a source of appreciation on our part, and it is our sincere hope that your final efforts will bring you sufficient votes to win one of the leading prizes. Make your final stand by turning in every vote and subscription possible.

REDUCED SUBSCRIPTION RATES END THIS SATURDAY

News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
5 Bollingbrook Street,
Petersburg, Va., April 9.
(Phone 1485.)

The Finance Committee has now under consideration, referred to it by the Board of Aldermen, an ordinance abolishing fees of the collector of city taxes, commissioner of revenue, collector of delinquent taxes and register of water works and planning these officers on a flat salary basis. The committee will probably make its report and recommendations at the May meeting of the Council. The matter of abolishing fees of office has for some time been talked about, but this is the first definite movement in that direction.

FOREST FIRES RAGING.

Much damage to standing timber in Prince George County.

Forest fires in Prince George County in the vicinity of Disputanta, have been burning for some days, and have spread over a large area, doing much damage to young standing timber. No other damage has been done so far as heard from, the fire having been kept from buildings. Fires have also done some damage in portions of Sussex County.

NOTICES OF CANDIDACY.

Must be Filed With Petersburg Committee by April 19.

The Democratic City Committee has extended the time until April 19, in which candidates for nomination for

the various municipal offices must file notice of their intention to enter the primary on June 19, and pay their assessment fees. No further announcement of candidates have been made, and the list will probably stand as has been published in The Times-Dispatch. There is opposition for every office except clerk of the courts, Commonwealth Attorney, member of the House of Delegates and gauger.

The list of qualified voters has been considerably increased, due to the many candidates and their active canvassing, and the expectation is that an unusually large vote will be polled.

ESCAPED CAPTIVE.

Paroled Convict Who Shot Negro Still at Large.

Charles Johnson, a paroled negro convict, from the Penitentiary, who shot Anderson Epps during a row between a party of negroes near City Point night before last, has so far escaped capture, though Sheriff Boies says and his deputies have been searching for him ever since. Johnson fled immediately after the shooting, and it is not known what direction he took. Epps is in the hospital here suffering from a broken leg and other injuries, besides the pistol shot wound received during the row.

ANOTHER TRUNK FACTORY.

Operations Soon Will Begin in New Enterprise.

W. A. Totty, who recently sold his transfer business to the Mutual Transfer Company, is arranging to go into the trunk and bag manufacturing business, the factory to be located in the West End. A joint stock company is being organized with sufficient capital, and operations will soon begin. The new company is to be incorporated.

MARSHED FOR THREE DAYS.

Former Petersburg Residents Have Experiences in Flood.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Morrison, formerly of this city, now of Columbia, Ohio, were marooned for three days, owing to the recent flood in that city. All efforts to rescue them by boats failed, and it was not until the waters had receded sufficiently that they could be taken away on horseback. All or nearly all of their furniture was ruined by water.

Death of Mrs. Mary Wells.

Following some months of illness, Mrs. Mary M. Wells, widow of Richard Wells, died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. M. Nix, on Shepard Street. She was sixty-nine years old, and is survived by one son and three daughters, R. W. Wells, Mrs. Bettie A. Akin, Mrs. Nellie Nix and Mrs. Emma J. Wheelhouse, all of this city.

Personal and Otherwise,
Major, George Cameron, Jr., and

Mrs. Cameron left for Baltimore this morning for a visit of a few days.

Next Monday and Tuesday will be observed as general cleaning-up days in Petersburg. The Council has appropriated \$200 to aid in the work.

George Hodgins, a merchant in the western part of the city, is quite ill at his home on West Washington Street.

The monthly meeting of the special board of the Central State Hospital, was held today, routine matters mainly being considered. The members of the board are: Robert Gilliam and J. Gordon Buchanan, of Petersburg; R. B. Cooke, of Norfolk. There are about 1,500 patients in the hospital.

Mrs. E. E. Burnett, recently operated on in the Petersburg hospital, is convalescent.

Work has begun on the new high school at Carson, on the border line of Dinwiddie and Prince George Counties, the school being patronized and the expenses borne by both counties.

The Cockade City Bowling Association will have a banquet Friday night at the new Shirley Hotel. About forty covers will be spread, and several Richmond bowlers will be guests.

John W. Sheffield, a former well known citizen and car painter of this city, died yesterday afternoon at his residence in Rosemary, W. C., after an illness of some weeks. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

At the meeting last night of Hollywood Camp, Woodmen of the World, R. H. Garrett was presented with a gold watch, a handsome emblem of the order and \$20 in gold as the prize for writing the largest number of new applications for membership. Other prizes were also awarded.

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If you are a merchant, we will make you very close prices on our peas. We have a big crop in this section this year, and prices are unusually low. Our peas are carefully selected and tested for their germination value. We can furnish all varieties, especially Black Eyes, Clays, Unknown, Whipperwell and mixed.

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MISSIONARY UNION IN ANNUAL SESSION

Many Delegates Expected to Attend—Suit for \$5,000 Damages.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., April 9.—The Woman's Missionary Union of the East Hanover Presbytery will meet in annual session here in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning and continue for two days. The union includes a large portion of the State, and many delegates will attend. Mrs. W. S. Donnan, of Richmond, first vice-president, will preside in the absence of Mrs. T. Cary Johnson, of the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, who will not be able to be present on account of sickness. Preliminary services were held at the Presbyterian Church to-night, when an able address was delivered by Rev. A. R. Kuddell.

E. A. Chinn, through his attorneys, has instituted suit in the Circuit Court of Stafford County to recover of J. B. Colbert, trading as the Cool Spring Ice Company, the sum of 25,000 damages. Mr. Chinn, while working for the company, had both of his arms put out by the explosion of an ammonia compressor.

Many Camp, Confederate Veterans, of this city, has decided to have a tag day here, in order to raise funds for defraying the expenses of the members of the camp to the Gettysburg reunion in July.

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PUBLIC ANSWERS FLOOD APPEALS

Contributions to the relief of the flood sufferers in Ohio were received by Mayor Ansley yesterday as follows:

Bethany Methodist Church, \$2.00
Jos. E. Sarg, 15.00
Misses E. and M. Robelen, 5.00
Jno. L. Satterfield, 10.00
Dr. R. D. Garlin, 1.00
Luther Street Baptist Bible Class, 25.00
Oscar E. Parrish, 5.00
Caleb, 1.00
T. Elwood Tragle, 10.00
A. Young Man, 5.00
"Hymn" Ten, 25.00
Sharon Baptist Church, King

William County	5.16
Local Nest Order of Owls	5.00
J. M. Neely	1.00
Victoria Theatre Benefit	25.00
April 10	25.00
Previously acknowledged	3,549.38
Total	\$3,803.52

The following contributions were received yesterday by Governor Mann for flood sufferers:

Contributed through the Free Lance-Star Publishing Co., Fredericksburg, Va.

Sympathizer	5.00
Miss Ellen Wallace	2.00
Miss Kate Martin, Upper Zion, Va.	1.00
Miss Edmo C. Lee, Stafford, Va.	1.00
Mrs. C. T. Smith, Crofton, Va.	1.00
Miss Mary Cuzis Lee, Stafford, Va.	1.00
Captain C. T. Smith, Crofton, Va.	1.00
Mrs. C. T. Smith, Jr., Crofton, Va.	1.00
L. H. Crawford, Methodist Church, Drewry's Bluff, Va.	10.00
Previously acknowledged	23.00
Total	216.08

The following additional contributions were received yesterday by The Times-Dispatch:

W. B. W.	\$2.00
Clifton M. Miller	5.00
Cash	1.00
Total	\$8.00

Spends Day in Winchester.
Winchester, Va., April 9.—Returning from his semi-annual horseback trip to Hot Springs and the Shenandoah Valley, John Phillip Sousa, the noted musician, spent the day here, and left for Leesburg on his way to Washington.

Farm Sold For \$7,500.
Spotsylvania, Va., April 9.—The farm at Spotsylvania Courthouse, for many years owned by the late T. A. Harris, who was first sheriff and afterwards clerk of the court of the county, was sold yesterday to Christine Mason, of Orange County, for \$7,500 cash. Mr. Mason will immediately take charge.

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Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

INTERESTING RAILROAD RUMOR.
New York Central Said to Be Planning to Acquire the Virginian.

Romoke, Va., April 9.—A most persistent rumor is afloat, and has been since Saturday evening, to the effect that the New York Central Railroad had planned to acquire the Virginian, and some color is lent to the report by the fact that a special train bearing the Virginian directors, and it is said representative of the big New York Road, went over the line from one end to the other on Saturday. The officials and directors were here for a short time Sunday, but left at night for Norfolk.

A newspaper man called on a local attorney who has been in close touch with the affairs of the Virginian in a legal way and was asked as to the rumors, but he could vouchsafe no definite information. He did know, however, that some of the officials were in Norfolk Sunday. He said he had been hearing these rumors for the past four years, and now and then they come bubbling up, but that no such deal had been consummated to his knowledge. He admitted, however, that in his opinion it would be a fine thing for this section if such a deal were consummated.

It has been stated that by the building of a connecting link from Deepwater, the western terminal of the Virginian, to the Ohio Valley, that a through trunk line from the great lakes to the Atlantic seaboard at Norfolk could be established by the New York Central.

WAR ON AUTO SPEEDERS.
Fines of \$100 Will Be Imposed by Police Justice of Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., April 9.—That drivers of automobiles or motorcycles who exceed the speed limits in Norfolk will be fined \$50 and costs, unless they have some very reasonable excuse, was the statement given out yesterday morning by Police Justice Barron.

Justice Barron said that in his opinion the number of accidents caused by speeding cars is too numerous and that within the past week several people had been killed and injured, and that the result of recklessness driving automobiles, or speeding, is the loss of life and property.

The fines, which have been \$10 and costs in each case, which is the minimum fine provided for by the State law.

"Dutch" Morewitz, an amateur motorcycle racer, who has been employed in carrying dispatches from the State Capitol to the Jamestown Jockey Club, was this morning fined \$25 and costs each on two separate charges of exceeding the speed limit. One charge was preferred by Motorcycle Officer Freeman and the other by Motorcycle Officer Abell.

Clifford Foster was fined \$10 and costs for driving an automobile faster than the law allows, and, according to the police justice, he is the last man who will get away with such a small fine.

TO PUBLISH CLASS RECORDS.
University Class of 1913 Will Form Close Organization.

Charlottesville, Va., April 9.—At a recent meeting at the university of the officers of the class of 1913 plans looking to the formation of a close organization were formulated and a number of important committees appointed. It was decided to publish shortly after final a class record, which will contain photographs of every member of the class and a brief account of each member's career.

The committees appointed up to the present are as follows:

Constitution—K. B. Steele, chairman; R. G. Curry, D. H. Pusey, H. C. Clark, C. L. Zieglers.

Membership—J. F. Moore, chairman; S. E. Steger, E. Strunk, L. J. Shepherd, Mercer Blanchard.

Class Record—R. G. Curry, chairman; J. O. Roach, J. K. Harringer, O. W. Underwood, Jr., John Viney.

Publicity—D. H. Ramsey, chairman; C. L. Zieglers, E. H. Moon.

Southern and Refreshments—A. D. Christian, chairman; J. M. Wood, C. H. Chandler.

Finance—C. J. Churchman, chairman; W. C. Ewank, A. R. Blakey.

Class Day—Carrington Williams, chairman.

WILL NOT CLOSE SCHOOLS.
Few Norfolk Teachers Will Attend Convention in Richmond.

Norfolk, Va., April 9.—In less than one week the Danville teachers are going to be called upon to decide at the polls whether they will close the schools on Friday, as that the first sign of the election is to be held in Richmond on that date. Inasmuch as the schools will be closed on Friday, so that the Norfolk teachers can attend the district meeting at Suffolk, the board deems it best that one day of closing for convention purposes was sufficient. Besides there are a few teachers who wish to attend the Richmond meeting, and it was announced that they can make arrangements with Superintendent Dobie to go.